



MICROGRAPHIA

to that or t'other place; Or, as that the bruised W
tion in the description of Moss, should, when those
its motion were fallen away, begin to move, but afte
ner then it did before.

Observ. XXI. Of Moss, and several other sm
stances.

Moss is a Plant, that the wisest of Kings thought
his speculation, nor his Pen, and though amo
bulk one of the smallest, yet it is not the least conside
shape, it may compare for the beauty of it with an
and bears a much bigger breadth; it has a root almo
nep, furnish'd with small strings and suckers, which an
branch'd, like those of the roots of much bigger Veg
springs the stem or body of the Plant, which is somev
rather than *Cylindrical*, most curiously *fluted* or strung
which run, for the most part, *parallel* the whole stem;
are close and thick set, a multitude of fair, large, well
of them of a rounder, others of a longer shape, acco
younger or older when pluck'd; as I ghes by this, th
had the stalks growing from the top of them, had the
longer shape, all the surface of each side of which,
with a multitude of little oblong transparent bodie
you see it expres'd in the leaf B, in the XIII. *Schem*

This Plant, when young and springing up, does mu
leek, having thick leaves, almost like that, and seems to
to it in other particulars; also from the top of the leav
a small white and transparent hair, or thorn: This ste
shoot out into a long, round and even stalk, which by
when dry, I manifestly found to be a stiff, hard, an
Reed, without any kind of knot, or stop, from its
leaves encompass'd it, to the top, on which there grow
A, cover'd with a thin, and more whitish skin, B, te
thorny top, which at first covers all the Case, and
swells, the skin cleaves, and at length falls off, with its
(which is a part of it) and leaves the seed Case to rip
to shatter out its seed at a place underneath this cap
the seed is ripe, appears like a flat barr'd button, with
middle; but as it ripens, the button grows bigger, an
the middle of it, E, out of which, in all probability,
as it ripens by a provision of Nature, that end of th
ward after the same manner as the ears of Wheat and
and opening several of these dry red Cases, F, I

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